

**In the claims:**

In the claims, please amend the second claim 10 as follows:

~~10~~ 11. A method of expanding an expandable toy comprising the steps of:

inserting an inflation device into an interior space of the expandable toy through a single aperture in the expandable toy;

inflating said inflation device;

increasing the size of the expandable toy when said inflation device pushes on an interior surface of the expandable toy;

expanding a plurality of elastic bands that run along said interior surface of the expandable toy;

ceasing inflation when the expandable toy has reached a desired size or when said expandable toy is fully expanded;

sealing said inflation device; and

closing said single aperture with a lid so that  
said inflation device is inaccessible.